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ATTACHMENT TO L-4789
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PAGE 1INCREASE IN LCM'S
NORTH VIETNAM
2041N 10659E1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE CONTINUOUS INFLUX OF LANDING CRAFT MECHANIZED (LCM) INVENTORY INTO NORTH VIETNAM. WITHIN THE LAST YEAR, THE TOTAL OF LCM HAS INCREASED FROM ONE IN MARCH 1967 TO AT LEAST TWENTY EIGHT AT PRESENT.

2. LOCATION:

THE RUSSIAN LARGE HATCH CARGO SHIP [] WITH ONE LCM AS DECK CARGO IS LOCATED IN THE GULF OF TONKIN OFF THE COAST OF NORTH VIETNAM AT APPROXIMATELY 2041N 10659E.

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3. BACKGROUND:

OBSERVATIONS OF NORTH VIETNAM'S LCM INVENTORY INCREASE IN THE PAST YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1	1 MAR 1967	-	1	IN HAI PHONG
	22 APR 1967	-	3	" "
	29 JUN 1967	-	3	" "
	28 JUL 1967	-	3	" "
	23 AUG 1967	-	6	" "
	30 SEP 1967	-	13	" "
	5 OCT 1967	-	13	" "
	6 JAN 1968	-	23	" "

NGA review(s) completed.

GROUP 1
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ONE ADDITIONAL LCM WAS OBSERVED AT HA NOI ON [REDACTED] AND
AT LEAST FOUR LCM (ONE ON THE BEREZOVKA (USSR) AND THREE ON THE
VOTKINSK (USSR) HAVE BEEN OBSERVED ON PHOTOGRAPHY EN ROUTE TO NORTH
VIETNAM ON/AFTER [REDACTED] BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 28 KNOWN AT PRESENT.

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THE LCM IS AN IMPORTANT ADDITION TO NORTH VIETNAM LOGISTIC CRAFT
INVENTORY, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF ITS CAPABILITY TO OFFLOAD HEAVY MOBIL
CARGO AT ANY POINT ALONG THE RIVERS OR COAST WITHOUT THE USE OF CRANES.

4. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WITH DECK CARGO CONSISTING OF: (1) A MOTORIZED DRY CARGO
BARGE IN TWO SECTIONS MEASURING APPROXIMATELY 110 FEET TOTAL LENGTH; (2)
A MOTORIZED PROBABLE POL BARGE [REDACTED] WITH A
LARGE DECKHOUSE AFT AND TWO SMALL POSSIBLE PUMP HOUSES FORWARD OF THE
DECKHOUSE AND (3) A LCM MEASURING APPROXIMATELY 65 FEET.

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2 MERCHANT SHIP VATKINSK, [REDACTED] 13 JANUARY 1968 (SECRET)

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**INCREASE IN LCM'S
NORTH VIETNAM
20-41N 106-59E**

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65' LCM

110' BARGE
(IN TWO SECTIONS)

PROB POL BARGE

15X ENLARGEMENT
NPIC L-4789 (2/68)

LCM COUNT IN HAI PHONG

AT HA NOI 6 JAN 68	1
ENROUTE TO HAI PHONG	
ON/AFTER 6 JAN 68	4
PRESENT KNOWN TOTAL	28

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